THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) ONGC, exploration activities were affected since 23.04.1994 when the Naga Students Federation demanded that ONGC stop its activities in Nagaland and the licences/permits provided by the State Government to ONGC be revoked. They were demanding that the system of royalty be worked out again and made more beneficial to Naga people. The production activites were suspended from 11.05.1994 following directions received from the Government of Nagaland to that effect.

(b) There is a loss of 250 tonnes of crude oil per day resulting in a revenue loss of Rs. 7.92 lakhs per day.

(c) The matter has been taken up with the State Government of Nagaland and the Union Home Ministry to permit ONGC to restart operations.

Proposal from Foreign Companies for Gas Pipeline from Iran

2988. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of foreign companies which have submitted proposals for implementation of the proposed gas pipeline project for supply of natural gas from Iran to India;

(b) the total length of pipeline and the agency which will supervise the work relating to construction, operaion and financing;

(c) the quantity of gas to be supplied every year; and

(d) the time by when the supply is likely to commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPT. SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (d) Bids have been invited for the feasibility study of the Iran-India pipline. Details such as length of pipeline, quantity and commencement of supply will be know only after the feasibiliy study is completed.

Plans of Indian Oil Corporation

2989. SHRI AHMED MOHMEDBHAI PATEL : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to State :

(a) whether Indian Oil Corporation has drawn necessary plans to invest Rs. 10,000 crores;

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposed plans;

(c) whther these plans include upgradation of technology and improved product profile;

(d) whether Government propose to have joint ventures with various foreign countries during the plan period; and

(e) if so, what are the names of the countries and value of agreements reached in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) to (c) The major projects including upgradation of technology, proposed to be undertaken by the Indian Oil Corporation in near future are given below :

	Investement in	Rs. crores
1.	Panipat Refinery Project	2794.00
2.	Catalytic Reformer Unit at Barauni	248.00
3.	Digboi Refinery Modernisation Project	346.30
4.	Catalytic Reformer Unit at Digboi	112.00
5.	Kandla-Bhatinda Pipeline	2081.80

	Investment in	Rs. crores
6.	Viramgam-Chaksu-Panipat Pipeline	569.05
7.	Salaya Virangam Augmentation	75.50
8.	Second SBM at Salaya	98.33
9.	Halida-Budge Budge Pipeline	31.06
10.	LPG Import Facilities at Kandla	160.80
11.	Development of Top/ Terminal Facilities on KBPL	310.00
12.	Marketing Terminal at Panipat	347.60
13.	Expansion of Gujarat Refinery	574.00
14.	Catalytic Reformer Unit at Mathura	545.00
15.	Haldia-Barauni Crude Oil Pipeline	623.94
16.	Salaya-Viramgaon-Koyali Augmentation	260.00
17.	Joint Venture Co. with Balmer Lawrie and NYCO SA France for manufacture of lubricants	6.00
18.	Joint Venture Co. with IOC-Mobil International Petroleum Inc. of USA	25.00

(d) and (e) The details of the Joint Venture Projects being undertaken by the Indian Oil Corporation Limited are as under :

(i) AVI OIL INDIA (P) LIMITED

This is a joint venture Company with Balmer Lawrie and NYCO SA France for setting up a Lube Plant at Madras at an estimated cost of Rs. 25 crores to manufacture specialities, synthetic and mineral lubricants for civil aviation/defence sector.

IOC's equity participation in this project is 25% Initial paid-up capital is Rs. 6 crores with IOC participation of Rs. 2 crores.

(ii) IOC MOBIL JOINT VENTURE :

IOC has entered into a joint venture with Mobil of USA for setting up a Lube Blending Plant at Asoti (Haryana) for manufacturing of lubricants. The equity participation will be in the ratio of 50:50. The initial paid-up capital would be Rs. 20 crores with IOC's participation of Rs. 10 crores. The cost of the project is estimated at about Rs. 50 crores.

LPG Domestic Gas Agencies in Gujarat

2990. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of LPG domestic gas agencies in Gujarat and the number and names of the owners and centres where they are located;

(b) what is the number of gas applications pending for disposal in Gujarat; and

(c) what is the number and percentage of agencies allotted to STs, SCs, OBCs, Freedom Fighters, Ex-army personnels and other categories separterly?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA) : (a) As on 1. 4. 1994 there were 296 LPG distributorships in operation at different locations in Gujarat.

(b) As on 1.4.1994, the number of wait-listed applicants for LPG connections in Gujarat was 8.50 lakhs.